

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9 (Currently Amended). A molecule which comprises the antigen-binding portion of an antibody specific for the protein, or variant ~~or fragment~~ of claim 13.

10-12 (Cancelled)

13 (Currently Amended). An isolated polypeptide, which comprises:

(a) a protein encoded by a strand of a full length cDNA having the sequence of

(i) a naturally occurring polynucleotide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3,

(ii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide having at least 70% identity with a naturally occurring polynucleotide of (i) and, in naturally occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress, wherein the protein encoded by ~~said naturally occurring polynucleotide~~ the cDNA having the sequence of (ii) induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells; or

(iii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under moderately stringent conditions to a naturally-occurring polynucleotide of (i) or (ii) and, in naturally-occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress, wherein the protein encoded by ~~said naturally occurring polynucleotide~~ the DNA having the sequence of (iii) induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells; ~~+~~

(b) a variant of (a) which has an amino acid sequence having at least 70% identity to said protein of (a) and induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells; or

(c) a functional derivative or salt of (a) or (b); ~~+~~  
or

~~which consists of:~~

~~(d) a fragment of (a) or (b) which induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells; or~~

~~(e) a functional derivative or salt of (d).~~

14 (Previously Presented). An isolated polypeptide in accordance with claim 13, wherein the protein of (a) has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

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15 (Previously Presented). An isolated polypeptide in accordance with claim 13, wherein the protein of (a) (i) has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

16 (Previously Presented). An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4.

17 (Previously Presented). A molecule which comprises the antigen-binding portion of an antibody specific for the polypeptide of claim 16.